to issue the necessary licenses divide the available room in a boat into third class A, third class B, and third class C, instead of the old first class, second class, and third class;

(*b*) the effect this change has produced on the convenience of the travelling public; and

(*c*) whether the artificial classification into third class A, third class B, and third class C, is not meant to evade the traffic rules promulgated by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is reported that the boat owners themselves classify the accommodation in the manner indicated by the member.

(*b*) It has been brought to the notice of Government that it is causing some inconvenience to passengers.

(*c*) It is a matter of opinion.

Particulars re Suits pending before the Kottayam District Court.

254. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): (*a*) In regard to the original suits which were pending before the Kottayam District Court on the 1st Chingam 1104 and which were filed in 1101, 1102 and 1103, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(i) the number of suits for which adjournments were allowed three, four, five, six, seven and eight times or more, for filing written statements;

(ii) the number of cases in which issues were framed on the same date on which the written statements were filed;

(iii) the number of cases adjourned two, three, and four or more times, for framing issues;

(iv) the number of cases in which issues were not framed even after six months, one year or more, after filing the written statements; and

(v) the number of cases in respect of which evidence had not been adduced though twelve or more adjournments had been granted for that purpose?

(*b*) In regard to original and appeal suits, will they be pleased to state:

(i) the number of cases which were adjourned four, five, six or more times for final hearing; and

(ii) the number of cases in which judgments were not pronounced even after one, two, three or four months after they were finally heard?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) to (v) and (*b*) (i) and (ii) The Government do not propose to collect the statistics as the time and labour involved in their collection will be out of all proportion to their possible utility.

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